

ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION

SUMMARY OF ACTION

TITLE OF LEGISLATION: Return of Quizzes and Tests to Students

NUMBER: 86-15-S

ACTION TAKEN BY CONGRESS: Passed 16 - 9

LEGISLATION FORWARDED TO: Dr. Robert V. Haynes, Vice-President for Academic Affairs

DATE FORWARDED: April 9, 1986

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES: Meeting was held with Dr. Haynes regarding this proposal.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION: Memorandum concerning this proposal was sent to the Deans from Dr. Haynes. No formal action taken.

(See attached)



# WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY 42101

Office of Associated Student Government

First Reading 3/18/86

Second Reading 3/25/86

Pass 16 - 9

Fail

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Resolution 86-15-S

Return of Quizzes and Tests to Students

Introduced 3-18-86

PURPOSE: For the University to instruct all academic colleges that all tests and quizzes, announced or unannounced by any and all faculty, shall be returned to the students permanently once graded and recorded with exception only to final exams and that being left up to each instructor.

STATUS:

**PASSED**

WHEREAS, Western claims to provide an environment for learning and individual development of the highest possible quality, and

WHEREAS, Testing is a learning exercise and examinations should be used to learn to recognize mistakes, and

WHEREAS, Students should be provided an adequate period of time to consider the answers and to raise points of contention, and

WHEREAS, Examinations taken by students are student's property, and

WHEREAS, When the instructor retains examinations, the students are deprived of valuable study guides and reference materials, and

WHEREAS, Examination retention wastes valuable class time and does not accomplish the purpose of adequate test review, and

WHEREAS, Examination retention by instructors creates a poor quality academic environment, one not conducive to the goals of higher education, and

WHEREAS, Teachers who give standard tests should realize that each class is different and adopt to the environment around them, and

WHEREAS, Final exams tend to be more difficult and more time consuming to make out, it would be to the discretion of the instructor to return or not to return,

THEREFORE, Be it resolved that we, the members of the Associated Student Government, ask that all tests and quizzes (announced or unannounced) by any and all members of Western's faculty, shall be returned to the students permanently once graded and recorded with exception only to final exams being determined by each instructor.

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